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Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2020 11:56 PM
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Cc: 'Darius Charney'; 'Chinyere Ezie'; 'kwilliams@wnylc.com'; 'Britney Wilson'; 'jjoachim@cov.com'
Subject: RE: BLRR v. COB - discovery deficiencies

COB018651-COB018715 may also be responsive to this point.

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The reference to Judge Sedita was not made in regard to those files, or for any point other than informing you of status of that proceeding.

As previously indicated, I've turned over all IAD files in my possession, believe some were destroyed per document retention policies, and am trying to get more information on that but have been unable due to people not being in office because of Covid. I'll try to go into office Wednesday of next week and will look into further, with the hopes of having more detailed information by next Friday.

From: Darius Charney [mailto:dcharney@ccrjustice.org]
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Rob-

On your last point, re Judge Sedita's upcoming decision on the preliminary injunction in the Unions' lawsuit, you seem to be conflating the issue of whether the 73 IAD files must remain attorneys-eyes-only with your Court-mandated obligation to produce them to plaintiffs' counsel at all. Judge Sedita's upcoming decision in no way impacts your obligation under the Court's December 19, 2019 Order (ECF No. 51 at 19) to produce the remaining 73 IAD files to plaintiffs' counsel in *this* litigation pursuant to the Attorneys-Eyes-Only Confidentiality Order entered on January 24, 2020. ECF No. 54. Even if Judge Sedita's decision impacts whether those files must remain attorneys-eyes only (which plaintiffs continue to believe is not the case), that in no way lessens your obligation to produce them to plaintiffs' counsel under the existing Attorneys-Eyes-Only Confidentiality Order. Indeed, you have already produced 63 of the IAD files under this confidentiality order back when NY Civil Rights Law 50-a's categorical bar on public disclosure of police officer discipline records was still in effect. Also, as you may be aware, the Unions' attorney stated on the record at the September 16 hearing that there is nothing in Judge Sedita's July 24 TRO that impacts a plaintiff's right to receive such records in discovery in a federal lawsuit against the City, and Judge Sedita himself expressed doubt that any federal court would feel bound by his TRO in any event. *See* September 16, 2020 Hrg Tr. at 41, 44-45.

Thus, please indicate when you will produce the remaining 73 IAD files to Plaintiffs' counsel as Attorneys-Eyes-Only records, or, if the files were lost or destroyed, when you will answer plaintiffs' questions regarding their whereabouts.

Darius

On Fri, Oct 2, 2020 at 10:07 AM Quinn, Robert E <rquinn@ch.ci.buffalo.ny.us> wrote:

As for a schedule of production, responding does take some time so if you want to set a schedule that will move depositions forward sooner (i.e., complete a custodian or group of custodians by next week so we can schedule a deposition) that would make sense and I'd be fine with it.

If you don't want to do that we can pick a date to have any issues in your letter addressed, including completed production of e-discovery, and schedule depositions to be conducted sometime after that. Given the pace and amount of e-discovery, I think realistically that could be done by the end of this month (hopefully sooner if the kids return to school) and we can schedule depositions in November and/or December. Let me know if this is ok, or if you'd prefer some other schedule. We're getting through this as quickly as possible so will try to work with however you want to proceed. Either way, I'd suggest we set aside some dates now as I'm sure everyone has a busy calendar.

Again, we're getting through this as quickly as possible under the circumstances, but given the scope you've outlined (see, e.g., your letter on 70 depositions) and number of requests and non-party subpoenas I'll just note that it seems apparent that discovery will be an ongoing process throughout the litigation so I'm not sure all of the rhetoric is particularly helpful in trying to work through a case like this.

Also, as I believe you know, Judge Sedita is scheduled to decide the TRO/Injunction next week and I'll advise as I know what the decision is.

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I'm hoping to get through Lt. Michael Quinn today and will detail the production as previously discussed. Again, if you want certain custodians or terms searched in a particular order please let me know.

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